



<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>23 March 2016</b>
<b>Meeting Location</b>	<b>Seminar Room</b>
<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Parent Forum</b>

**Attendees:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Initial</b>	<b>Copies</b>
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Discussion	Action
<p><b>1</b>      <b>Feedback on minutes and matters arising from 3 February 2016</b> Mr Blewett went through the minutes which were approved.</p>	
<p><b>2</b>      <b>Curriculum Review</b> Mr Patel circulated an example of a timetable to parents in respect of the curriculum review.</p> <p>Parents questions and feedback:</p> <p>What will they do in PREP? Mr Patel explained that some staff had an issue with logistics, who will run PREP. The Academy will extend the day on Monday and Tuesday to incorporate PREP sessions. There is currently a working group planning how the PREP sessions will be designed. Parents agreed that PREP would be a good time for students to catch up on homework. Is it better to have more homework throughout the week? Mr Patel explained homework will be set out over the week but the majority maybe set from Wednesday onwards. Homework is never set for completion the next day.</p> <p>Will students have the use of computers in PREP? Mr Patel informed parents that this would be on a rotation for each year group. One or two members of staff and 6<sup>th</sup> Formers would supervise students with resources.</p> <p>There would be 25 hours of teaching with enrichment and PREP as additional hours. 20 mins a day is currently lost by movement of students around the Academy.</p> <p>The start of the Academy day remains the same. Parents questioned if other schools had been considered. Mr Patel confirmed to parents that other schools' finishing times had been considered. Parents are concerned with the finishing time at the Academy and the possibility of collecting another child from a different school. Mr Patel informed parents that their child could remain at the Academy until their parents arrived to collect them. There is a possibility of traffic issues and students walking along Langley Road but the time structure at present was the best fit for all.</p> <p>In respect of the Curriculum change this is the first time the Academy have reduced Options from 4 options to 3. The Langley Academy offer more qualifications than other local schools. The amount of time for option subjects will be increased over the key stage.</p> <p>Parents were concerned that students struggle to know which option to drop. RSL will go through results and talk to the student and Head of Faculty Department. This will also be discussed in assemblies. Can parents be involved in some of the conversations? Mr Patel informed parents that he would organise for meetings to take place.</p> <p>Mr Patel informed the meeting that the Trust and governing body are at the heart of all discussions taking place and will respond to students' needs. Homework can be completed during PREP or at home. Facilitating homework at the Academy works for both parents, students and staff. Parents enquired if PREP would involve 1 to 1 at any point. Mr Patel stated that it depends on the needs of students.</p>	<p>CPA</p>

<p>The new curriculum proposal includes a split lunch. At present all students go to lunch together. It is proposed that 450 students will have House Tutor time and the rest go for lunch for 35 mins. Some students have been complaining that House Tutor time has become more academic and would like to go back to fun activities. Mr Patel confirmed that reading and house projects have reduced. The content of House Tutor time is discussed between HOH and RSL.</p> <p>Mr Patel explained Progress 8 to parents. Parents were concerned that students currently have some double lessons and questioned if these would remain with a double lesson being 2 hours under new curriculum review. Mr Patel confirmed that there would not be many double lessons for core subjects but there would be for DT and PE.</p> <p>Mr Patel informed parents that if they did not agree with the proposal of the review, he would need to look at it again. Parents felt that if the Academy believed the new structure provided a better education then the curriculum review should be accepted. Parents questioned how the Academy will know that the new curriculum will work. Mr Patel informed parents that the Academy were being proactive in the light of government changes. If the Academy kept the current curriculum Maths and English will not get extra time. There was a significant drop in grades for Maths last year due to the grade being increased.</p> <p>Parents would like regular contact with the Academy, including increased frequency of Parent Forum meetings. Parents currently receive 3 reports a year but would like this to increase to 5, next year.</p> <p>Parents highlighted the fact that the Friday lunch would be 20 mins later than it currently is. The meeting thought that there would be low productivity in lesson 4 and 5 due to lunch being at 13.40. Parents would like to see 3 one hour lessons in the morning and 2 lessons after break. Mr Patel agreed to look at changing this.</p> <p>Parents asked when would the decision be made about Y9 subjects. Mr Patel informed the meeting that the consultation finishes on 18 April. Maths and English will benefit from an extra hour each. Each subject will be timetabled for 3 hours a week if an option is dropped. Mr Patel informed parents that learning a language may be compulsory from 2018.</p> <p>The new timetable provides staff with the opportunity to have training and share good practice.</p>	<p>PBL CPA</p> <p>CPA</p>
<p><b>Meeting closed at: 19:15</b> <b>Date of next meeting: 4 May 2016</b></p>	